

# Tell Us Something True by Dana Reinhardt - A Captivating Tale of Love and Secrets

There is a certain solace in reading stories that feel achingly real, stories that tug at our heartstrings and remind us of the messy complexities of life. In her novel "Tell Us Something True," Dana Reinhardt seamlessly captures the essence of human emotions and delivers a captivating tale centered around love, secrets, and the search for truth.

Set in Los Angeles, the story follows the life of a seventeen-year-old girl named River, who is grappling with the recent loss of her beloved father. Struggling to navigate the world without him, she finds solace in swimming, which becomes both her escape and a metaphor for her journey towards healing.

Reinhardt crafts an intricately woven narrative, introducing the reader to a cast of well-developed characters that offer diverse perspectives on love, grief, and the complexities of family dynamics. River's mother, Allison, is trying to hold her family together while dealing with her own grief. As a reader, we witness the nuances of their relationship and sympathize with their shared struggles.



## Tell Us Something True by Dana Reinhardt(Kindle Edition)

★★★★☆ 4.4 out of 5

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Screen Reader	: Supported
Enhanced typesetting	: Enabled
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But it is the of Denny, a new boy at school, that sets the stage for a journey filled with self-discovery and the unearthing of buried secrets. Denny's mysterious past and enigmatic personality draw River in, leading her down a path of unexpected revelations and emotional exploration.

As the story unfolds, Reinhardt skillfully explores themes of identity, forgiveness, and the lengths we go to protect those we love. Through the lens of River's coming-of-age journey, we are reminded of the complexity of truth and the power it holds to both heal and destroy.

One of the most compelling aspects of "Tell Us Something True" is Reinhardt's ability to create a palpable sense of atmosphere. From the sun-soaked beaches of California to the gritty streets of downtown LA, the vivid descriptions allow readers to immerse themselves in the world of the characters and experience the story alongside them.

The novel also tackles important societal issues such as gentrification and socioeconomic disparities, seamlessly integrating them into the narrative without overshadowing the core themes of love and truth. Reinhardt's thoughtful exploration of these topics adds depth to the story, making it resonate long after the final page is turned.

The strength of the novel lies in Reinhardt's beautiful prose and her ability to evoke raw emotions. Her writing is both lyrical and honest, capturing the intricate nuances of human relationships and the vulnerability that lies beneath the surface.

Tell Us Something True is a thought-provoking and emotionally charged novel that will captivate readers from start to finish. Through the eyes of River and the unforgettable cast of characters, Dana Reinhardt invites us to question our own perceptions of truth and encourages us to confront the secrets that shape our lives.

So, dive into "Tell Us Something True" and let Dana Reinhardt's masterful storytelling transport you to a world brimming with love, secrets, and the undeniable power of truth.



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Seventeen-year-old River doesn't know what to do with himself when Penny, the girl he adores, breaks up with him. He lives in LA, where nobody walks anywhere, and Penny was his ride; he never bothered getting a license. He's stuck. He's desperate. Okay . . . he's got to learn to drive.

But first, he does the unthinkable—he starts walking. He stumbles upon a support group for teens with various addictions. He fakes his way into the meetings, and begins to connect with the other kids, especially an amazing girl. River wants to tell the truth, but he can't stop lying, and his tangle of deception may unravel before he learns how to handle the most potent drug of all: true love.

## Praise for *Tell Us Something True*

"I promise you'll fall in love with River Dean, even though he's a faker, a stalker, a non-driver, a bad dancer, a bad friend and a codependent mess. He's funny and he's true. His heart is smashed six different ways and he's trying to mend it with tacos and lies—but isn't that true of all of us?" —E. Lockhart, New York Times bestselling author of *We Were Liars*

"A heartfelt tale that elevates truth over passion and friends over lovers. Reinhardt keeps it real. Much respect." —Matthew Quick, author of *The Silver Linings Playbook* and *Forgive Me*, Leonard Peacock

"A sharp-witted, hilarious, and addicting novel about being lost and discovering your best self. Highly recommended!" —Adam Silvera, New York Times bestselling author of *More Happy Than Not*

"Oh, how I love a novel where the hero ties himself up, Houdini style, and dives into his own predicament. Once again Dana Reinhardt has written a charming, compassionate, very clever comedy, and this one reminds us how a big lie can reveal the truth." —Laura McNeal, author of *Dark Water*, National Book Award Finalist

"*Tell Us Something True* is hope, it is humanity, it is original, funny, wrenching,

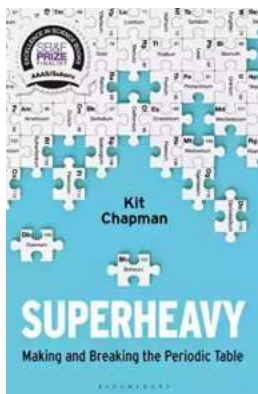
real, and intelligently surprising.” —Beth Kephart, author of *Small Damages*, *Going Over*, and *This Is the Story of You*

“When you start reading a Dana Reinhardt book, it’s like discovering a new friend. By the time you’ve turned the final page it’s like saying goodbye to your best friend, and I can think of nothing better to ask of a writer.” —Markus Zusak, author of *The Book Thief*



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